

ILLNESS IS FATAL TO MRS. HANFORD

Widow of Actor Supported
Husband in Shake-
spearean Company.

Mrs. Mariella Hanford, widow of Charles B. Hanford, noted Shakespearean actor, died last night in Ocean City, N. J., where she was spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. John H. Gehret.

Mrs. Hanford for many years was a resident of this city. Although still owning a home here, she recently had spent considerable time in New Jersey. Her death followed an illness of about two months.

Her husband died here in October 1926. For many years he headed his own Shakespearean company, supported by Mrs. Hanford, who had gone on the stage with him. She had adopted the stage name of Miss Marie Drouah, her married surname spelled backwards.

One of the biggest hits at a Grid-iron Club dinner, it was recalled today, was when Mr. Hanford appeared there as William Jennings Bryan, whose likeness he bore, and occupied the Great Commoner's seat. The hoax was discovered only when the real Bryan, unable to appear at the beginning of festivities, confronted Mr. Hanford.

During the World War Mr. Hanford was associated with the late Thomas A. Edison in connection with devising means to camouflage ships and troops. Mrs. Hanford was prominent in the Zu Zu Court, an organization of the Order of the Eastern Star, and was widely known here. Her husband was a brother of the late Henry G. Hanford, former assistant to the business manager of The Star.

Besides her sister, she leaves a nephew, Andrew W. Bennett.

The body will be brought to the parlors of Almus R. Speare, funeral director, 3200 Rhode Island avenue N.E. The funeral will be held in Washington, the time and place to be announced later.

Unemployment

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ments would follow in railroads, steel, motor and construction industries.

The jam might be broken, Col. Ayres continued, by a series of legislative actions, first of them the repeal of the undistributed corporate profits tax.

The Cleveland baker predicted that the bottom of the present decline will be reached early this year, to be followed by a recovery slower than the decline. Events abroad, he said, will have an important bearing on developments here.

The appearance of John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, originally scheduled for today, has been postponed. Secretary Wallace told the committee that certain events of recent months have greatly aggravated the rural problem. He listed them as follows:

1. Increasingly serious drought conditions in certain areas of the Great Plains.
2. A rapid decline in farm prices.
3. The industrial recession which has gravely affected the conditions of rural employment.
4. The displacement of farm labor by agricultural mechanization.

Subsistence Loans.

The Secretary spoke first of the subsistence loans now being administered by the Farm Security Administration. Up to December 1, he said, more than 532,000 families received such loans in the amount of \$151,000,000. By January 1, he added, more than \$45,000,000 of these loans had been repaid.

Gravest situations center, however, on those in need of subsistence grants, a sum barely sufficient for the necessities of life.

Between July and December, he told the committee, the number of families thus aided increased from 53,929 to 108,707, with the average payments per family per month rising from \$17.45 to \$20.96.

"There is little likelihood," he added, "that the economic status of the 108,000 families receiving grants in December will improve before another harvest. As a matter of fact, the experience of the Resettlement Administration in handling last year's problem indicates that it will be necessary to carry the majority of these families on a grant basis at least through the remainder of the fiscal year."

Itemizing the conditions of need in particular localities, Mr. Wallace declared all "are overshadowed by the Nation-wide growth of rural relief needs caused by the recent slump in farm prices. Department of Agriculture economists have estimated that the 1937 production of 53 crops was 13 per cent greater than the 1929 production, and 40 per cent greater than the production of 1936, which was considerably curtailed by drought.

"The effect of this increase, in the face of declining business activity and urban purchasing power," he said, "has been a sharp drop in farm prices. Since December, 1936, they have sunk from 126 per cent of the pre-war level to 104 per cent of the pre-war level. The present level of farm prices is approximately 30 per cent below that of 1929.

Piling Up of Carry-Overs.

"This decline has wiped out a substantial part of the gains in farm income made during the recovery period between the spring of 1933 and the spring of 1937. Large crops and the curtailed domestic consumption of farm products, coupled with a low volume of exports, is resulting in a piling up of heavy carry-overs of our basic commodities, particularly wheat and cotton. By next summer, the combined carry-overs of cotton, grain and other commodities are expected to be nearly as large as the record stocks on hand in 1932 and 1933.

"The pressure of these stocks on the market, together with the shrinkage of city purchasing power, probably will mean a farm income in 1938 of \$ to 10 per cent below that of 1937. We do not anticipate that the large stocks will produce as disastrous results as in 1932 because present and prospective legislation should give us power to cushion the shock."

As the committee resumed its hearings it had before it a disturbing picture of increased direct relief demands in 54 cities of 100,000 or more population, the number of cases jumping 15.9 per cent between November and December.

The information, compiled by the Social Security board, carried the comment that "relief figures of today reflect a picture of acute need."

Included in the list of cities was Washington, with 2,661 cases of direct relief in December, a drop of 2.6 per

Wreckage of Plane in Which 10 Died



Air view of the Northwest Airlines plane after it crashed in the mountains near Bozeman, Mont., its charred wreckage mute evidence of the fire that took 10 lives.

OFFICIALS ALTER LUNCH FUND PLANS

Abandon "Country Store"
Benefit Idea—To Push
Health Bond Sale.

The Citizens' Permanent Committee for the free lunch fund will abandon its plans for a "country store" benefit and concentrate its efforts on obtaining funds through the "silent" guest campaign and the sale of health bonds, it was announced today by Mrs. John Boyle, Jr., president. Mrs. Boyle urged all merchants to continue keeping the milk bottles available for small contributions by patrons of the stores.

"I do hope the public won't lose confidence in us," she declared, "and will continue to contribute through these sources. After all, we are and have been feeding more than 5,000 children for some time."

Health Bond Sale.
Additional places for the sale of health bonds, which carry a subscription to a magazine which Mrs. Boyle says will be published, will be set up. The bonds are now available at committee headquarters in the Mayflower.

Abandonment of the "country store" benefit leaves a local job printer with 75,000 circulars, 50,000 envelopes and 15,000 automobile windshield stickers he had printed to be used in advertising the affair. The printing cost, he said he was told, had been underwritten by a group of Washington merchants, who were given advertising on the printed matter.

The committee president said an audit of the financial status of the fund is being rushed to completion and will be made public at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile, Joseph Marshall, director of the Better Business Bureau, indicated he is awaiting the issuance of the audit.

"The bureau feels it is not proper for benefit affairs to expend in solicitation and promotion sums altogether out of proportion with the funds to be raised for actual charity," he pointed out.

Mrs. Boyle said she would visit the Surplus Stores Corp. at 615 D Street S.W. today to see about making purchases for the lunches. She explained that the committee is now handling the food purchasing formerly done by the District government.

"To purchase through the District Building we are required to have the entire amount a month ahead of time," she explained, "and the funds just have not been available."

Declaring that "what America needs is stiffer competition and lower prices," Mr. Kelly opposed enactment of wage-hour legislation on eight grounds, including difficulty of administration and threat to the competitive system.

LEMONS HAVE AN

So have
ALKALINE
FACTOR



N. B. (Nick) Mamer, ace pilot of the plane.



Ted Anderson, 30, of Minneapolis, mechanic on the plane.

Crash

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Canadian press. Yesterday was his 13th wedding anniversary. Ted Anderson, mechanic in the St. Paul shops of the Northwest Airlines, I. E. Stevenson of Seattle.

Cause Unknown.
Cecil Hunter, president of Northwest Airlines, issued this statement at St. Paul:

"It has been determined that all on board lost their lives.

"Until a thorough investigation has been conducted by both the airline officials and the Department of Commerce we will be unable to make any statement as to the definite causes surrounding the same."

P. W. Whittemore, vice president in charge of operations, said company representatives were en route to the crash scene to investigate.

Sheriff Westlake, who led the searching party over tortuous roads and trails to the wreckage, said he "counted nine bodies" in his hasty examination.

The sheriff reported the bodies were badly burned; three had been thrown or fallen from the fuselage, and the others—he could not tell if there were six or seven—were tossed into the front of the shattered airliner.

The passengers were the first ever killed in a transport plane crash in Montana, and the first to meet death on a Northwest Airlines flight. The National Safety Council awarded the line a certificate last year for its 11-year record of flying 47,000,000 passenger miles with no passenger fatalities.

The plane, bound for Chicago from Seattle, via Minneapolis, had been grounded for a time at Butte because of bad weather.

A post office official at Helena, Mont., said the plane, a new 14-passenger Lockheed Zephyr, carried mail.

Coroner Howard Nelson of Gallatin County started for the crash scene last night but was turned back by the blizzard. Sheriff Westlake said snow drifting over the wreckage would delay an investigation.

Alfred Nikles, a rancher, furnished a bobbed and horses to take the searching party the last leg of the trip into the canyon-cut mountains.

Weather Good at Time.
In the party were Nikles, the sheriff, J. A. Nee, district mechanic for the United States Bureau of Air Commerce in charge of beacons, and his assistant, J. T. Trowbridge.

The group reported the two-motored plane had struck on a slope on the east side of the short Bridge Range,

which follows the Continental Divide. The plane was about two miles from the Nikles Ranch.

The sheriff's quickly-organized searching party was provided skis and snowshoes by the Forest Service. Weather in the Gallatin Valley was fair at the time of the crash. The sky was cloudy but visibility was fair. A strong west wind was blowing.

Air officials expressed the unofficial opinion the pilot had flown north of his course in an effort to avoid air currents prevalent over the rocky canyons of the Bridgers. The plane crashed about 12 miles off the radio beam.

WILL NAME PROBERS.
Inspectors Already Dispatched by Commerce Unit.

By the Associated Press.
Commerce Department officials said today Secretary Roper probably would name a board of inquiry immediately to investigate the crash of a Northwest Airlines plane near Bozeman, Mont., yesterday, in which 10 persons were killed.

Bureau of Air Commerce inspectors have been ordered to the scene from Chicago, Spokane, Salt Lake City, St. Paul, New Orleans and Los Angeles. Some already have arrived at the scene of the accident.

U. S. SOUND FILM FIRMS ARE SUED

Outcome May Affect Every
Theater in Country, Gau-
mont Declares.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Spokesmen for the Gaumont British Picture Corp., whose subsidiary, British Acoustic Films, Ltd., has begun patent infringement litigation against two leading makers and distributors of American sound film mechanism, today said the outcome might affect virtually every motion picture theater in this country.

The American defendants named in the action filed yesterday in Federal District Court at Wilmington, Del., were the R. C. A. Manufacturing Co., a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, and the Electrical Research Products Inc., wholly controlled affiliate of the Western Electric Co.

While no statement of damages accompanied yesterday's plea for an injunction, local spokesmen for the British interests said between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000 might be involved.

The complaints, they said, were based on two patents. The first, a "device for feeding acoustic film at constant speed," was issued by the United States Patent Office to Arnold Poulsen and Alex Carl Georg Petersen in 1926.

A second patent was issued in 1935 to Poulsen alone and both, Gaumont spokesmen alleged, subsequently were assigned to the British Acoustic Films. Despite this, they said, the two American firms used the patented features on their mechanism.

Attorneys for both the R. C. A. Manufacturing Co. and the Electrical Research Products Co. expressed surprise at the action and declared it would be necessary for them to study the complaints before discussing them.

TAX RULING GIVEN IN SOCIAL SECURITY

Employers May Make Deduction
From Income Levy, but Em-
ployees May Not.

By the Associated Press.

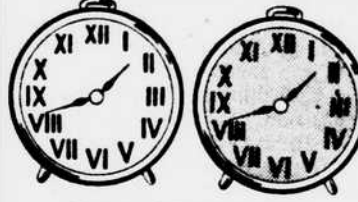
Employers may deduct social security taxes in making out their Federal income tax returns, the Treasury said today, but employees may not do so.

A salaried person may deduct taxes he pays on his house, but not on the 1 per cent of his salary he pays for the prospect of an old-age pension, officials advised.

They explained the latter levy is technically an income tax and, under law, cannot be deducted in figuring the regular income tax. The tax on employers, however, is labeled an excise tax and is deductible the same as the Federal tax on automobiles and refrigerators.

The Treasury does not expect even the employers' deductions to make more than a tiny dent in total income tax revenue. Such deductions are taken from the taxpayer's income before the tax is figured—not from his tax bill.

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in \$13,000,000.

Wild things had begun to happen in Cripple Creek. "The tenderfeet are taking out gold where it is and the miners are looking for it where it ought to be," the old-timers said.

A druggist rushed into the camp and flung his hat into the air. Where it fell he dug, struck a vein and was rich, writes a correspondent to the Milwaukee Journal.

A prospector went broke and gave a half interest in his mine to two grocers in payment of a \$36.50 bill. They let a school teacher prod around the hole. He turned it into a mine that produced \$13,000,000.

A top-hatted New Yorker who had leased a mine gave it up in disgust. New leasers dug 12 inches and took out \$9,000,000.

The man who started it all was

CHAUTEMPS IS GIVEN FREE HAND ON LABOR

Ministerial Council Empowers
Him to Conclude "Social
Peace" Agreement.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—The Council of Ministers today granted Premier Camille Chautemps a free hand to conclude a new "social peace" pact with capital and labor.

The Premier, who has been seeking a peace formula for France's wave of sit-in strikes, warned of the "urgent" necessity to cut short agitation con-

trary to the national interest" and informed the ministers of plans for a conference tomorrow to seek a settlement of the strike situation. Employers, workers and middle class representatives are to take part.

Apparently disregarding fresh disputes between employers and workers over the scope of the discussions, he called the council meeting to disclose details of his plans.

A cabinet communique said M. Chautemps had emphasized the duty of the government to "require of all citizens absolute respect for public order," and had received a mandate to prepare tomorrow at a conference to prepare necessary measures for Parliament.

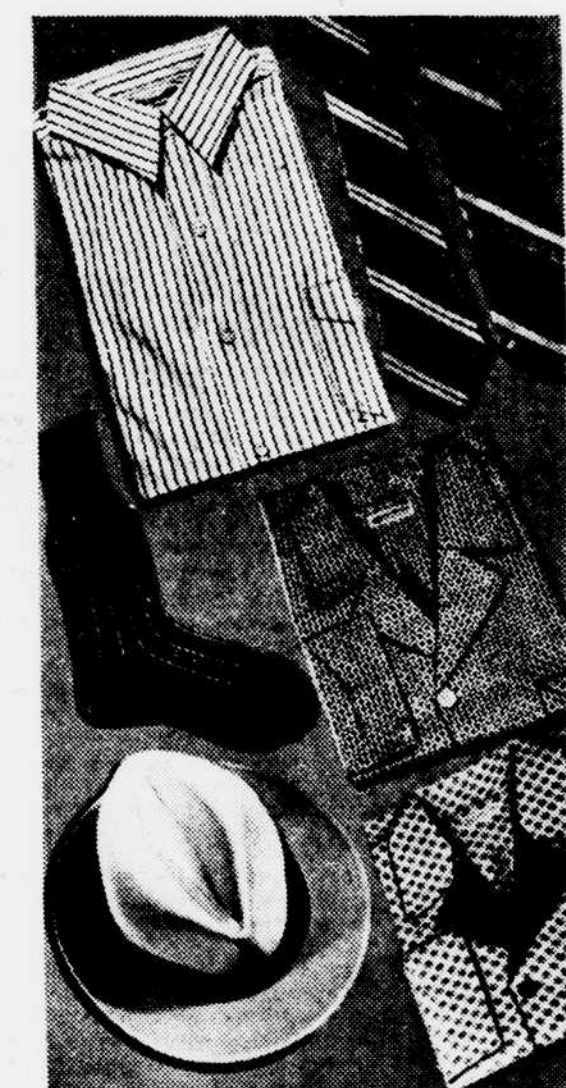
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